



The clock strikes twelve—and the New Year is born . . . bright with the promise of new opportunities for achievement, new happiness to enjoy. As we welcome 1961 most heartily, our sincere wish is that it will bring the best of everything to you and yours . . . become in retrospect one of your favorite years!

Babson Says

1961 Living Costs to Rise Some; No Inflation Seen

This year I have divided my forecast into eight sections as indicated by the following eight headings. Instead of covering general business as a separate topic, I am sure that a reading of the following will give a clear idea of my thoughts on general business. Naturally, my first subject will be the political outlook.

Politics and the New President

I do not expect any big change under President Kennedy. If he had won by a landslide I would be quite worried, but with a narrow plurality in the electoral college and only a small fraction of 1 per cent over Nixon in the total popular vote, I think that our new President will be very much on his good behavior. Certainly he will not have much influence with either the Republicans or the Conservative Democrats of the South. He may make radical recommendations in his inaugural address to "save face," but most of these will not become legislation.

He will recommend certain new welfare legislation, which will include medical care for the aged, an increase in Social Security, a new minimum wage, increased public housing, help for the distressed areas, and more aid for education.

Commodity Prices, Including Gold

Higher prices of commodities at the retail level are more or less certain, but wholesale prices will probably decline in most instances. Prices will not rise because of inflation during 1961. The first of the price advances will be absorbed by the manufacturer. Owing to the increased competition in all lines, wise manufacturers and retailers will keep their selling prices down. This means that their profits will be less if they are unable to reduce their own costs. All of this means that general business may show less increase in activity and profits in 1961 than in the previous year.

Now, in relation to gold: Three-fifths of the Free World's gold comes from African mines; one-fifth from Canada; and the balance from the U. S. and elsewhere. There are many rumors that the U. S. will "revalue," creating a higher price for gold. This will not happen during 1961; and I think that the price of many gold stocks will decline during 1961. The very discussion in Congress of possible devaluation would cause us to lose more gold. Everything will probably be done to avoid such a discussion and I believe President Kennedy will publicly state that he is opposed to it.

Temporarily, dollar devaluation might be a shot in the arm

for American business, but it will not cure the cancer or whatever else is causing the pain. Not only would foreign banks withdraw gold before such legislation was passed; but if such legislation should pass in the U. S., it would be followed by similar legislation (Continued on page 10)

Business License Taxes Due Jan. 2

Business license taxes for 1961 will be due and payable on Tuesday, January 2 (Monday, the 1st, is a holiday), according to a city ordinance published in The Chronicle today.

Payment may be made during January and February. Beginning March 1, a penalty of 10 per cent will go into effect.

The tax is imposed on businesses, firms and corporations for the privilege of doing business in Clinton for the year. Proceeds go into the general operating fund of the city government.

McSweens Here For Family Event

Coming this week especially to attend the annual Christmas get-together for the family of Dr. and Mrs. John McSween were: Rev. and Mrs. Allen McSween and children of Greensboro, N. C.; Rev. and Mrs. George M. Webb and children of Shelby, N. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Bill McSween and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Donkle, Jr., and son of Greenville.

Lunch was enjoyed at the McSween home and in the evening a family dinner party at Hotel Mary Musgrove.

Personnel Announced

March of Dimes Drive to Begin Jan. 2

"The most effective ammunition any of us can supply for the fight to prevent crippling diseases is the dollars we give to the 1961 March of Dimes," Fred E. Holcombe, campaign director, stated yesterday upon the eve of the campaign.

The drive will begin Jan. 2 and will culminate Jan. 31 with the traditional Mothers March.

"We ask all residents of the Clinton area to support the March of Dimes so the National Foundation can obtain the funds it needs to continue the attack against crippling birth defects, arthritis and polio," Dr. Holcombe explained.

Holcombe also announced the personnel of the campaign set-up for the area. Included are: Associate campaign director, A. C. Young; treasurer, Miss Kathryn Dicus; chairmen of the various divisions: business employees, Gary Holcombe and Jim Wolfe; industrial employees, Harry Ayers; special gifts, T. M. Youngblood and R. S. Truluck; Also, Teen-Age chairmen, Jean

Arnold and Corinne Boyd; public schools, R. E. Martin; Whitten Village, Phil Rogers; Presbyterian College, Dr. John Stevenson; coin collection, Sammie Pinson; speakers bureau, Ted Prevatte; Mothers March, Mrs. Gary Holcombe and Mrs. Forrest Adair; colored division, McQuilla Hudson; Mountville chairman, Mrs. Millette Wham; Joanna chairman, W. K. Walts; Thornwell chairman, Miss Inez Tucker.

The campaign will be launched with the solicitation by members of the Special Gifts Division on Jan. 2.

"The National Foundation relies on your March of Dimes contributions to enlarge its program of research, professional education and patient aid," Campaign Director Holcombe declared. "These cripples are stubborn and dangerous enemies. Here in the United States, one out of every 16 babies is born with a significant birth defect. More than 11,000,000 persons are afflicted with crippling arthritis or

Presbyterians Of Joanna To Dedicate Building Sunday

The Presbyterian congregation of Joanna will celebrate the New Year by dedicating their sanctuary, debt free, at the 11:00 a. m. service Sunday.

The church was organized in 1929 by a commission from South Carolina Presbytery.

Dr. Marshall W. Brown, president of Presbyterian College, will be the speaker for the service. Hugh S. Jacobs, moderator, will bring greetings from the Presbytery, and Probate Judge J. Hewlette Wasson will bring greetings from the trustees of the Presbytery.

Since 1961 marks the 100th anniversary of the Southern Presbyterian Church, Rev. Hugh D. Polard, pastor, will lead the congregation in "A Litany of Dedication to the Presbyterian Mission."

All who have had a share in the erection of the church and their friends are invited to attend the service.

Clinton Men Named To Scouting Posts

Four Clinton men were named to posts in Scouting at the annual meeting of the Blue Ridge Council, Boy Scouts of America, at the Clemson House, Clemson, on December 22.

Dr. Fred E. Holcombe was reappointed as chairman of the Laurens District for 1961. Dr. D. O. Rhame was named as a national representative from the Council, and J. B. Templeton and W. C. Baldwin were chosen as board members.

G. M. Grant, of Clinton's Troop 174, received a camping award.

The Council is made up of Scouts and Scouters in Abbeville, Anderson, Greenville, Greenwood, Laurens, Newberry, Oconee and Pickens Counties.

L. L. Stanley of Greenville, is Scout Executive.

Penalty Goes On City Taxes In Jan.

Only three more days remain for Clinton taxpayers to pay their 1960 taxes, states Clerk and Treasurer W. Brooks Owens.

Saturday, Dec. 31, is the final day for tax payments without penalty, according to city ordinances. A 10 per cent late penalty will go into effect in January. A tax rate of 53 mills has been in effect for a number of years.

LOSES FATHER

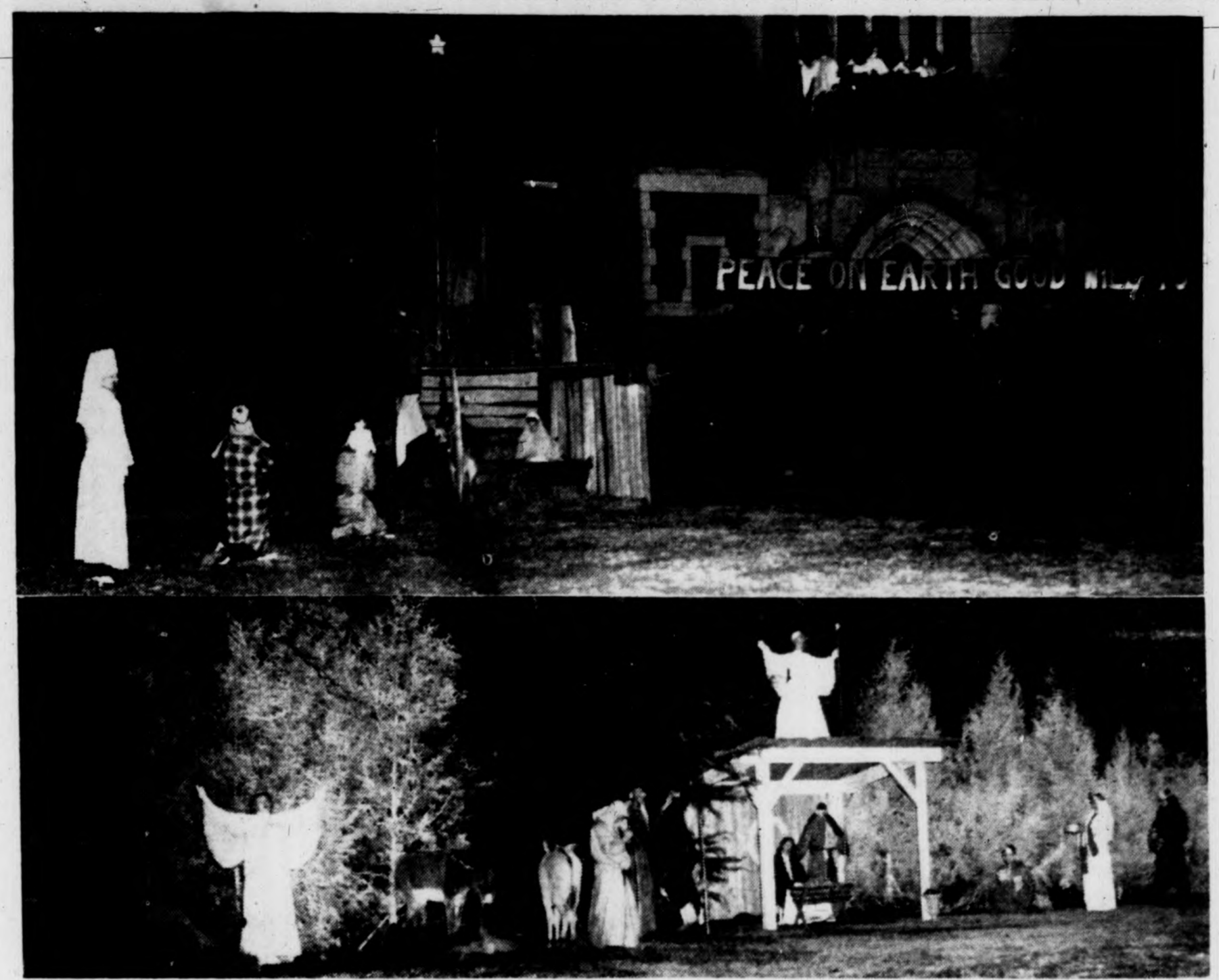
Funeral services were held for Mack J. Byrd, of Charleston, on Friday afternoon with burial in Carolina Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Byrd, a retired U. S. Engineer, was the father of Mrs. Robert Stroock of this city. The Stroock's were in Charleston, having been called there earlier because of his illness.

New Subscribers

MR. AND MRS. GRADY SIMPSON.
MRS. THOMAS NABORS.
MRS. W. C. WILTON.
MRS. FENCH P. OWENS.
Clinton

MRS. MILLER SMITH, Newberry
MRS. LYLES HENDERSON, Cross Hill
LEO HANSWON, JR., Park Ridge, Ill.
MRS. ELLEN COVINGTON, Washington, D. C.
H. C. MURPHY, Enoree



Nativity Scenes In Clinton During Christmas Week

Shown here are two live Nativity scenes in Clinton during the Christmas season. At top is the presentation at the First Presbyterian Church, while below is that given on the front campus of Thornwell Orphanage. Both were viewed by many during the holidays.—Photos by Dan Yarbrough.

Bodkin, Of Carolina, Wins Jacobs Trophy

Jake Bodkin, guard on the University of South Carolina football team, has been announced as the winner of the Jacobs Blocking Trophy for South Carolina players.

The announcement was made Friday by the South Carolina Association of Sportswriters, who conducted the polling for the honor.

Among others getting votes were Bill Ogden of Presbyterians. The trophy is presented by William and Hugh Jacobs of Clinton, in honor of their late father, William P. Jacobs, who was the donor for many years.

Two other awards are also given, for the best blocker in the Southern and Southeastern Conferences.

Lou Shuba, guard on the Virginia Military Institute team, has been announced as the winner for the Southern Conference.

W. Fred Whitlock Dies Suddenly At Home Monday

W. Fred Whitlock, 60, died suddenly early Monday morning at his home on Musgrove street after several years of declining health.

A native of Laurens County, he had spent most of his life in Clinton. He was a son of the late Robert Lee and Bessie Cole Whitlock, and was a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

He was twice married. His first marriage was to Mrs. Grace Thompson Whitlock who died in 1954. His second marriage was to Mrs. Eunice Grace Whitlock.

Surviving in addition to his second wife are a step-daughter, Miss Dianne Kricso of Clinton; three sisters, Mrs. W. Lee Thomas of Laurens; and Mrs. J. F. Thomas of Charlotte, N. C.; and a brother, Paul Whitlock, of Laurens.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon at 3:00 p. m. at Calvary Baptist Church by Rev. J. W. Spillers and Rev. Clyde Peterson. Burial was in Rosemont cemetery.

Pallbearers were Vernon A. Trammell, Hall King, Jack Red, Tan Ray, R. E. Poole, and Fred Bragg, Jr.

District 56 Receives \$55,202.46

Laurens County Schools Get \$131,519 'Kickback'

County Treasurer's Office Open Saturday

Saturday, Dec. 31, is the last day for payment of county taxes without penalty, Treasurer Allen D. Coleman, reminds taxpayers. After Jan. 1, a one per cent penalty goes into effect, and increases each month to seven per cent in April.

The treasurer states that his office in the court house at Laurens will remain open all day Saturday to receive tax payments.

New Trucking Co. Opens Branch Here

The G and P Trucking Company, Inc., has opened a terminal in Clinton on the Airport Road. Home office of the company is in Pelzer and they also have a branch in Greenwood. The company has been operating for two years and the Clinton branch was opened recently in their expansion program.

A. L. Campbell, of Anderson, is the operating manager of the company, and Bobby Howell of Greenville, is terminal manager.

Clinton Stores To Close Monday

Stores in Clinton will be closed on Monday, January 2, for New Years, according to an announcement by J. Robert Cox, chairman of the Merchants Division of the Chamber of Commerce. Stores will remain open all day on Wednesday, January 4. Half-day closing will be resumed on Wednesday, January 11.

District 56 Schools To Resume Tuesday

Public schools of District 56 will resume their regular schedules on Tuesday, January 3, after having been closed for the Christmas holidays since Dec. 20.

Presbyterian College, which has been closed since Dec. 16, will also begin after-holiday classes at 8:00 a. m., Tuesday.

Laurens — Laurens County schools are getting back \$131,519 and some odd cents out of the "kick-back" funds distributed under an Act of the 1960 General Assembly, it was stated yesterday by J. Leroy Burns, County Superintendent of Education.

Supt. Burns stated that he had been advised of the distribution

Asst. Chief Blakely Chosen Marshal For Presidential Parade



ASST. CHIEF BLAKELY

Assistant Chief William B. Blakely of the Clinton police department, has been selected to serve as a marshal for the inaugural parade when John F. Kennedy will become President of the United States on Jan. 20. Asst. Chief Blakely was notified of the appointment in a telegram from Senator Strom Thurmond.

Blakely expects to receive further instructions during the next few days and probably will go to Washington a day or two before the inaugural parade on his duties.

Blakely is a veteran officer on the Clinton police force and is a graduate of the FBI Academy in Washington.

by the State Superintendent of Education and that the check for this county's share had been mailed to County Treasurer Allen Coleman.

The total sum is to be divided between School Districts 55 and 56 and Thornwell Orphanage on the basis of approximately \$12.45 per pupil, Supt. Burns said.

Under the distribution District 55 will get \$72,233.80. District 56 \$55,202.46, and Thornwell Orphanage \$4,063.34, he said. Other schools in the county outside of those three units, he said, will obtain their shares of the funds from the districts in Greenville and Greenwood counties of which they are a part, he added.

Tom Plaxico, chairman of the Board of Trustees of District 56, stated that approximately \$40,000 of the amount received would be used to pay off a deficit of several years standing, and the balance will be deposited in the general operating fund.

F. P. Thompson, superintendent of District 53, said that approximately \$45,000 of his district's share of the funds will be used in making a four-room addition to Sanders Elementary School in Laurens and that from \$3,000 to \$5,000 will be allotted to Sanders High library to bring it up to Southern Association standards. The remainder will be applied to the general school district fund.

The "kick-back" funds were voted to schools out of a surplus in 1960 state funds.

Taylor Is Master Of Masonic Lodge

E. C. Taylor, Jr. has been elected to head Campbell Lodge No. 44, A.F.M., as worshipful master for the coming year.

Other new officers are: Epps B. Davis, senior warden; James D. Hairston, Jr., junior warden; William J. Davis, treasurer; V. P. Adair, secretary; William R. Fennell, senior deacon; R. Chris Adair, Jr., junior warden; William I. Bailey and Homer R. Jones, Jr., stewards; Rev. J. B. Abercrombie, chaplain; J. D. Bass, tiler.

